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AMENDMENT

- any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the above referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

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37. (Amended) A combination in dry form, comprising microfibrils with a mean diameter of less than 0.8 μm and a form factor which is defined as the ratio between the mean length of the microfibrils and its mean diameter such that their mean length always remains less than 30 μm , and at least one mineral particle.

Please cancel claim 42.

Please amend claim 43 as follows:

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43. (Amended) A combination according to claim 37, wherein the microfibrils are surface-treated such that they bear a polypyrrole coat.

Please cancel claims 44-46, 58-62, and 67-74.

Marked-up amended claims according to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 are submitted in an attached document. Added matter is shown by underline and deleted matter is shown by strike-through.

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.